

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7119

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize Pamela Purkey on the occasion of her retirement from the Hamblen County Health Department.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Pamela Purkey is one such admirable individual, who, after nearly three decades of devoted service with the Hamblen County Health Department, took her much-deserved retirement in June of this year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Purkey began working at the department in 1994 as a medical case manager, and in 1996, she transferred to a position in health promotion, in which capacity she continued to serve until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, with a passion for educating others, Pamela Purkey has provided health education to Hamblen County residents for twenty-seven years, teaching them how to stay healthy and how to take care of themselves; and

WHEREAS, she worked with several initiatives over the years, including the Senior Farmers Market Program, which offers fresh fruit and vegetable vouchers to senior members of the community; she also worked with the Hamblen County Health Council and Healthy Hamblen to raise awareness of the importance of physical activity and proper nutrition; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary tenure with the Hamblen County Health Department, Mrs. Purkey has carried out her responsibilities with diligence and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a strong advocate for the citizens of Hamblen County, Pamela Purkey has compiled a singular record of success during her exemplary public service career, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Pamela Purkey for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as an employee of the Hamblen County Health Department, extending our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.